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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 9, 2006, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.